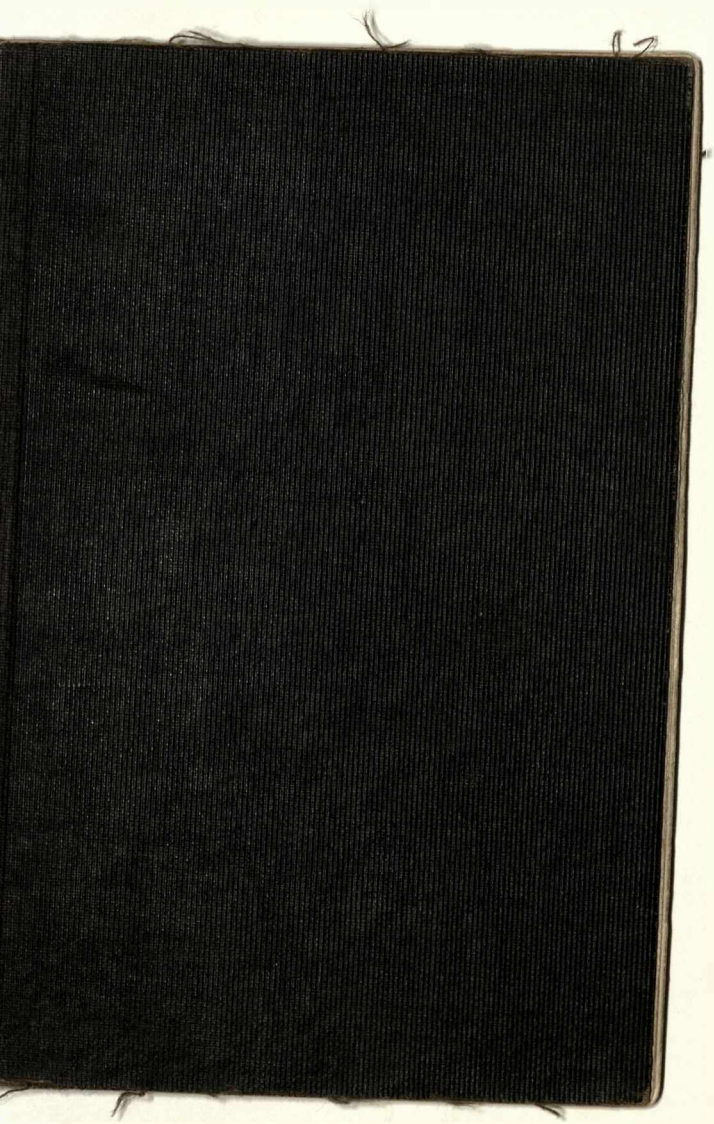

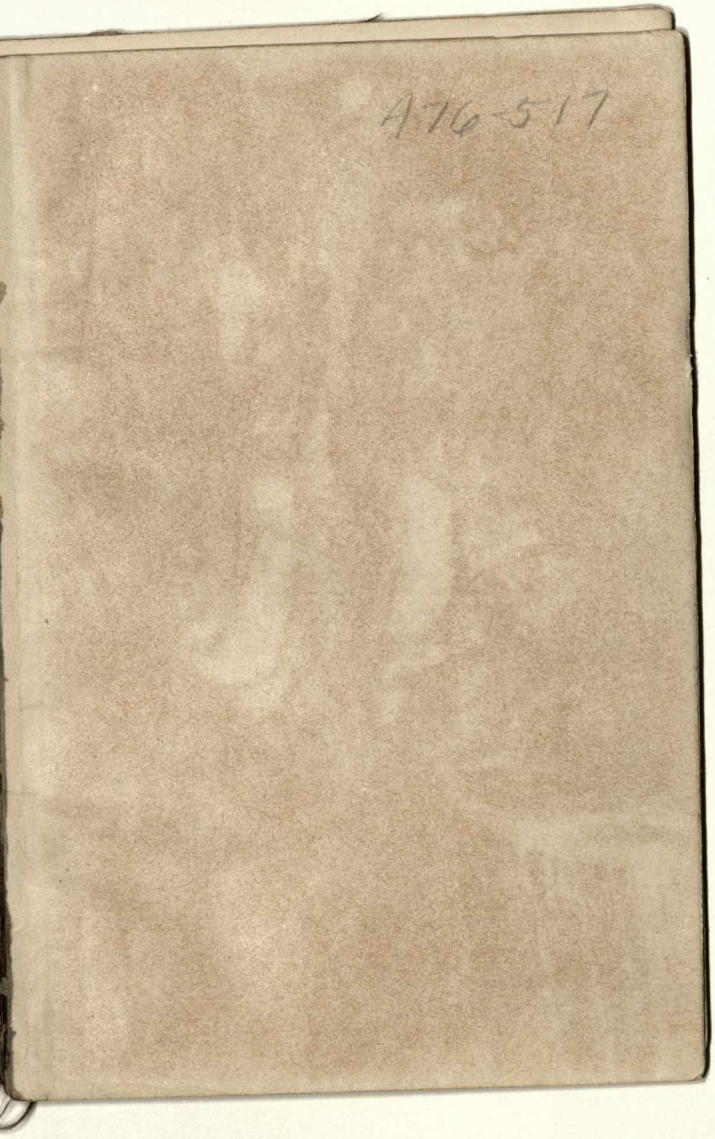
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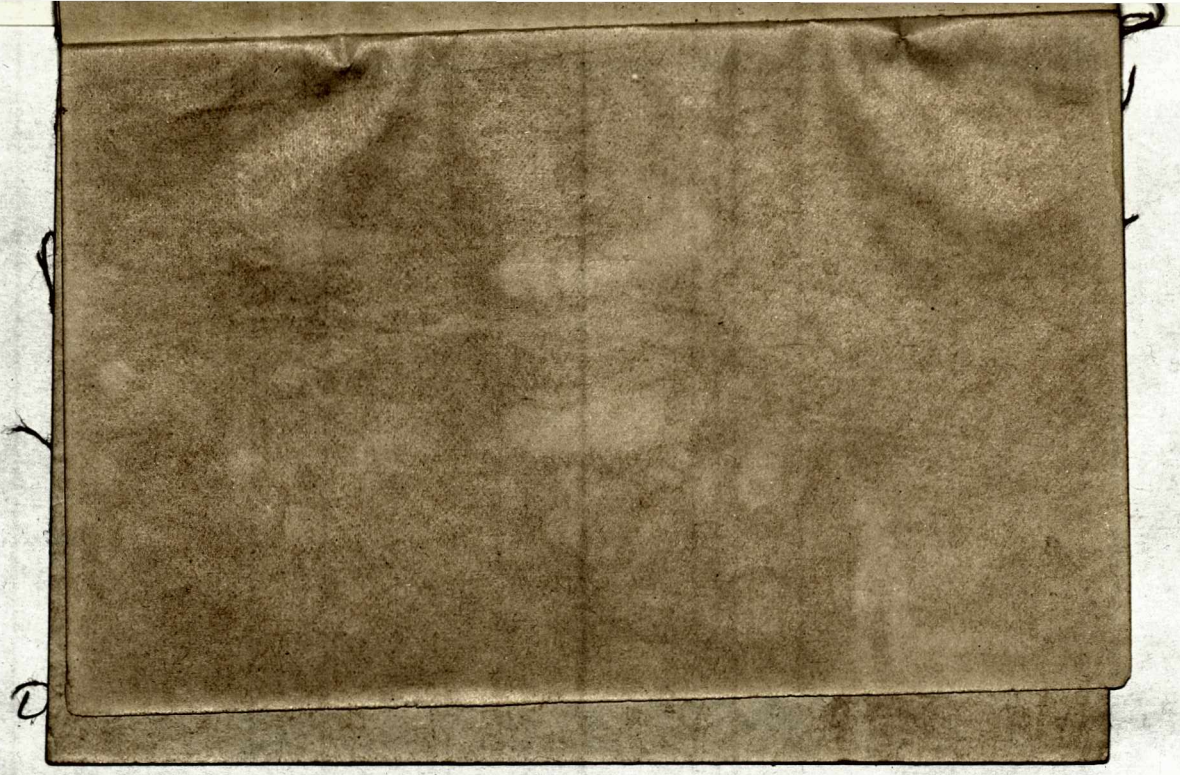
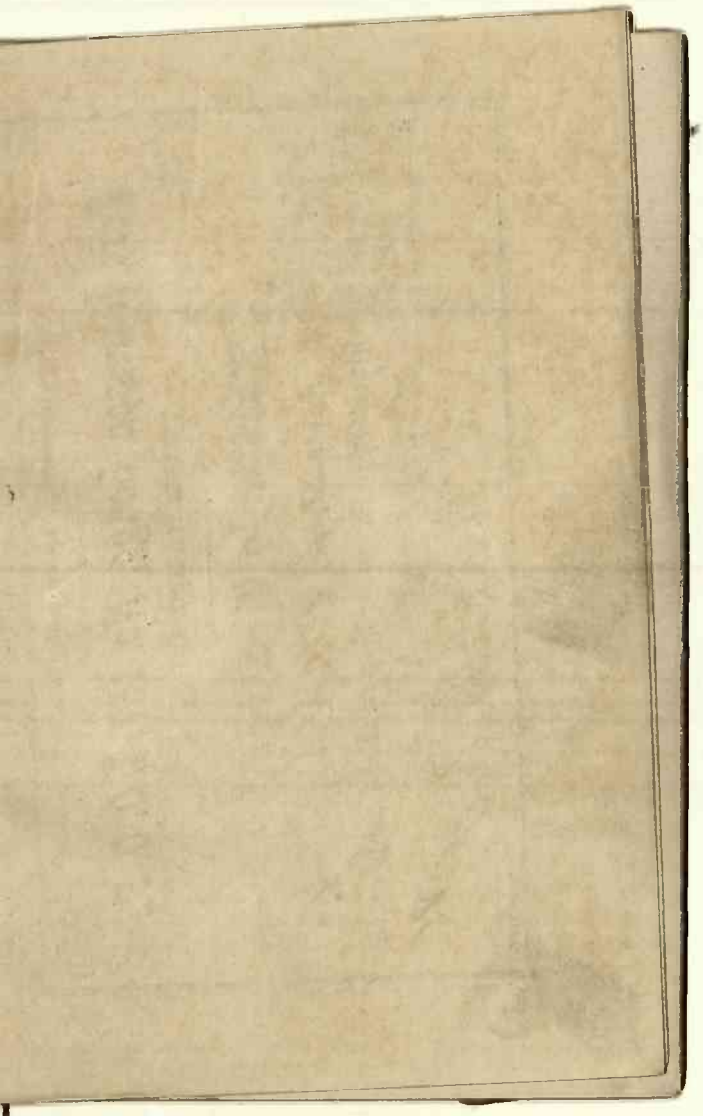




"Friendship, Love and Truth."

Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F.,

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

This is to Certify,

That Bro. James L. McKinney

was regularly admitted to Membership in this Lodge on the

9th Day of June 1891

W. N. Gartrell

SECRETARY.

BY-LAWS

AND

RULES OF ORDER

OF

Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157,

I. O. O. F.

INDIANA.

REVISED JUNE 25, 1882.

INSTITUTED AT TERRE HAUTE, JAN. 25, 1855.

TERRE HAUTE:
C. W. BROWN, PRINTER.
1882.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

This Lodge shall be known as FORT HARRISON LODGE, No. 157, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, located at Terre Haute, Indiana.

ARTICLE II.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings shall be held on every Tuesday evening, commencing at 7½ o'clock, except during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September, when they shall commence at 8 o'clock, and the Lodge shall be opened within ten minutes from the time specified. No meeting shall be held later than 10 o'clock unless agreed upon by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called as prescribed in section 7, chapter 4, of the General Laws. The members of the Lodge residing in the city shall be notified thereof, either by verbal or written notice, or by publication in a newspaper. All such notices shall state explicitly the object of said special meetings, and no other business shall be transacted than that for which it is called, absentees noted, and the absent officers held accountable for the failure of a quorum.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. But in the

absence of a quorum the Lodge shall be opened in due form, the roll of officers shall be called, absentees noted, and the absent officers held accountable for the failure of a quorum.

SEC. 4. Should the Noble Grand and Vice Grand be absent at the time for opening, the oldest Past Grand of the Lodge present shall take the place of Noble Grand, and appoint a Past Grand, if present, if not, a third degree member to the place of Vice Grand.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, there being no Past Grand present to preside, the Right Supporter to the Noble Grand may take the chair of that officer, or a third degree member may be called thereto, who shall call the Lodge to order, have the roll of officers called and absentees noted, but no other business can be transacted.

SEC. 6. All meetings shall be opened and closed in due form.

ARTICLE III.

FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

SEC. 1. Every application for membership must be accompanied by the proper fee, or the application shall not be received.

SEC. 2. *Initiation Fees* shall be as follows:

When the applicant is under 45 years of age,	$10 00
If 45 and under 50	15 00
If 50 " " 55	20 00
If 55 " " 60	30 00
If 60 years of age, or over	50 00

SEC. 3. *Admission on Card.* Fees shall be as follows:

Under 50 years of age	2 00
If 50 years and under 55	5 00
If 55 " " " 60	10 00
If 60 " or over	15 00

SEC. 4. *Ancient Odd Fellows.* Fees for admission shall be as follows:

Under 50 years of age	5 00
If 50 and under 60	10 00
If 60 years of age and over	15 00

SEC. 5. *Cards Granted.* The fee for each card granted shall be thirty cents, except when granted for one year, when it shall be free.

SEC. 6. *An Expelled Member* of this Lodge, upon being restored, shall pay a fee of Ten Dollars.

SEC. 7. *Quarterly Dues.* The quarterly dues to the funds of this Lodge shall be one dollar and thirty cents, and in addition, twenty cents per quarter, to be applied to a nurse fund for the payment of nurse hire in case of sickness.

SEC. 8. *Degrees.* Members shall pay the sum of Five Dollars for each and every degree, to be paid for at the time of application.

SEC. 9. *Payment of Dues and Penalties for Delinquencies.* All dues, fines and assessments shall be paid on or before the last night of each quarter; and in default of such payment, every delinquent shall forfeit all pecuniary benefits for thirteen succeeding weeks. Should such payment be delayed for six months or longer, the delinquent shall forfeit all pecuniary benefits which may have accrued during the period of his delinquency, and for an additional period of thirteen weeks after all arrearages shall be paid, and he shall be debarred the privilege of visiting the Lodge while he continues delinquent. *Provided*, That any member, after paying all arrearages, and making a satisfactory excuse, may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge; such reinstatement in every case to take effect from and after the application, unless it is expressly stated in the motion to reinstate that the action is to be retrospective. After one year's delinquency, the delinquent shall be

notified by the Permanent Secretary, who shall furnish him with a statement of his account, and should he fail to make a full settlement within one month after such notice, he shall be dropped, and the person whose name has been dropped from membership may, within one year thereafter, be re-admitted upon the payment of one year's dues, by a vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. If a dropped member shall not apply for re-admission until after one year from the time his name has been dropped, his application shall be referred to a committee, who shall investigate the character and inquire into the health of the applicant, and report at the next stated meeting, at which time, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the application, the member shall be re-admitted; and no person re-admitted according to the provisions of this section shall be entitled to the benefits until six months after his re-admission.

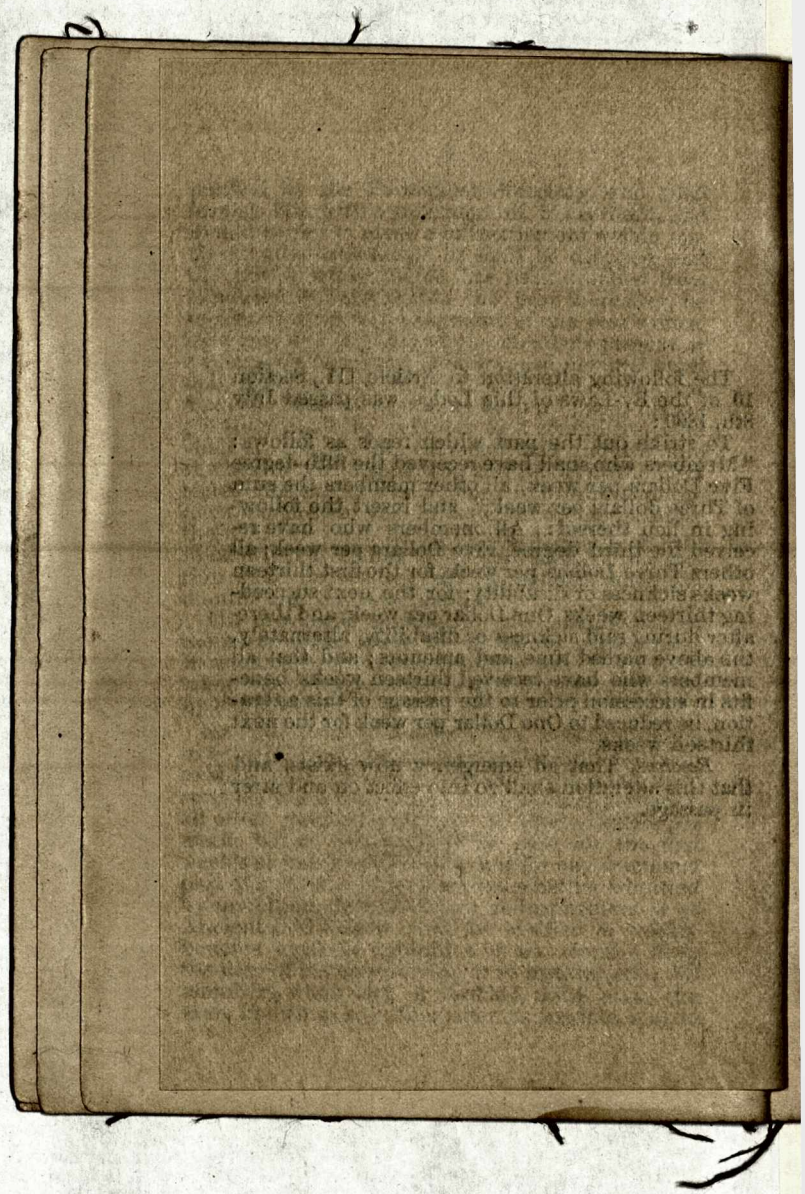
The provisions relating to the re-admission of members shall apply to all whose names have heretofore been stricken from the roll. All votes taken under the provisions of this section shall be by ball ballots.

SEC. 10. *Weekly Benefits.* The weekly benefits to be paid to members who may be entitled thereto shall be as follows: Members who shall have received the Third Degree, Five Dollars per week, all other members the sum of Three Dollars per week; but no benefits shall be paid for the first week's sickness or disability, nor for any fractional part of a week, and no member, whether admitted by invitation, deposit of card, re-instatement or as Ancient Odd Fellow, shall be entitled to weekly benefits until the expiration of six months from the date of his membership or re-instatement. All members, when sick or disabled, must make the same known as soon thereafter as possible, and no

The following alteration to Article III., Section 10, of the By-Laws of this Lodge was passed July 8th, 1890:

To strike out the part which reads as follows: "Members who shall have received the fifth degree Five Dollars per week, all other members the sum of Three dollars per week;" and insert the following in lieu thereof: All members who have received the third degree, Five Dollars per week; all others Three Dollars per week, for the first thirteen weeks sickness or disability; for the next succeeding thirteen weeks, One Dollar per week, and thereafter during said sickness or disability, alternately, the above named time and amounts; and that all members who have received thirteen weeks' benefits in succession prior to the passage of this alteration, be reduced to One Dollar per week for the next thirteen weeks.

Resolved, That an emergency now exists, and that this alteration shall go into effect on and after its passage.



claim will be allowed for more than four weeks' sickness prior to notice thereof being given. If the brother be abroad, sick or disabled, his claim must in all cases be accompanied by the certificate of a reputable physician, setting forth the continuance of such sickness or disability. If practicable, the credibility of the physician must be certified to by the N. G. of a Lodge near where the brother may have been sick; otherwise the Lodge may determine the sufficiency of the evidence adduced to sustain the claim.

SEC. 11. *Funeral Benefits.* At the decease of a member of this Lodge who, while living, was entitled to the benefits thereof, the sum of $50.00 shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge to defray his funeral expenses, which shall be immediately paid over to the person authorized to receive the same. At the decease of the wife of a member who is entitled to benefits, the sum of $30.00 shall be appropriated to defray funeral expenses.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEE OF RELIEF.

The N. G., V. G., Secretary, Treasurer and three members to be appointed by the N. G., at the commencement of each term, shall be a standing Committee of Relief, whose duty it shall be to visit such members of this Lodge as may be reported sick to them or to the Lodge, (who are within two miles of the Lodge,) within twenty-four hours after receiving such information, and shall continue to visit them once in each day during the continuance of their sickness. The V. G. shall be Chairman of said committee, and his day for visiting the sick shall be the day on the evening of which the Lodge meets, and he must report to the Lodge at each meeting the condition of each sick member he has visited during the day; the

next day the Secretary shall visit and give the sick member the check allowed him for benefits, and on the following day the Treasurer shall visit, whose duty it shall be to pay each member his benefits allowed by the Lodge according to law, or any relief that may be ordered by resolution of the Lodge. The N. G. and other members of the committee may arrange their days of visiting to suit themselves, so that they are so arranged that every sick member is visited by one member of the committee each day during his sickness. The committee shall also notify the Recording Secretary of any sick members who may need watchers, and for neglect of any of the duties aforesaid, by any member of said committee, the member so neglecting shall pay a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars, as the Lodge may decide by a ballot vote.

ARTICLE V.

FUNERALS.

SEC. 1. On the death of any member of the Lodge, or sojourning brother, the N. G. shall require the Host to notify the members of the Lodge to attend the funeral, in accordance with Sec. 15, Chapter IV, of General Laws. The Lodge shall assemble one hour prior to the time fixed for the burial. The N. G. shall appoint a Marshal and Chaplain and six or more pall-bearers. The Lodge shall form in proper order, under direction of the Marshal, and proceed to the late residence of the deceased, and from thence with the corpse, to the place of interment.

SEC. 2. At the close of the burial services, the members shall return in proper order to their Lodge room. The N. G. shall appoint a committee to report at the next regular meeting, a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

ARTICLE VI.

ORPHANS' FUND.

SEC. 1. The destitute and needy widows and orphan children of such deceased members as were in good standing at the time of their death, shall be aided and assisted by the Lodge out of the General Fund, and it shall be the duty of the Lodge, at the beginning of each term of six months, or as soon thereafter as possible, to designate a certain amount of its General Fund as the circumstances of the case may require, which shall be set apart and held for the purposes aforesaid; and it shall not be diminished during such term, except by payments out of the same for said purposes. In case said amount so set apart shall be exhausted by such payments before the expiration of such term, the Lodge shall at once set apart an additional amount to be used for the purposes above named.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Lodge shall keep a register of names of the orphans above specified, and the Trustees of the Lodge shall provide for their necessary food and raiment, and place them at school, and when they arrive at a proper age, shall put them at some reputable trade or calling, to enable them to become useful members of society.

ARTICLE VII.

MEMORIZING CHARGES.

SEC. 1. Every elected and appointed officer shall be expected, on their acceptance of any office, and are required, as is also the sitting Past Grand, to memorize the charges of their respective positions within four weeks after their installation, so as to deliver them without the use of books during initiation, and shall also memorize their respective parts of the ceremonies of the opening and closing

of the Lodge, so as to recite the same at the proper time without the use of books.

ARTICLE VIII.

RESIDENCE OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the name and residence and number of the house and name of the street, if in the city, of every member of the Lodge.

SEC. 2. Every member removing or changing his residence shall notify the Secretary thereof within one month after such removal. Should a member change his residence and fail to give notice thereof, and plead failure to receive notice to attend a funeral or for other purposes, such excuse shall not be valid.

ARTICLE IX.

DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL LAWS AND BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. Every member of the Lodge shall be entitled to one copy of the General Laws and one copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge, and for every subsequent copy which he may desire, shall pay to the Secretary therefor the sum of 25 cents for General Laws and 10 cents for By-Laws.

ARTICLE X.

READING OF BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 1 The By-Laws and Rules of Order shall be read in open Lodge on the second night of each term.

ARTICLE XI.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The Recording Secretary (in addition to the duties provided in the General Laws, By-

Laws and Charges of Office) shall particularly specify at the end of the record of each meeting the total amount of money received by the Permanent Secretary.

ARTICLE XII.

PERMANENT SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The Permanent Secretary shall keep correctly the accounts between the Lodge and its members, preserve all books and papers pertaining to his office, receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer within one week after he shall have received the same, taking his receipt therefor. He shall have all bills ordered to be paid by the Lodge, duly receipted and filed for protection of the Lodge. He shall keep a register of all the members of the Lodge, the date of their admission to, and withdrawal from the same, and at the end of each quarter shall submit a statement of the accounts between the Lodge and its members, and at the end of each term shall report a full satement of the transactions between the Lodge and its members, and shall make such other exhibits as is required by the Grand Lodge. He shall submit all books and papers in his possession to any committee authorized to examine the same. He shall give bond and security in a sum not less than double the amount that he may at any time have in his hands. The compensation for Permanent Secretary shall be $25 per term of twenty-six weeks.

ARTICLE XIII.

TREASURER.

SEC. 1. The Treasurer shall have exclusive custody of all monies belonging to the Lodge, he shall keep a correct account of all monies received and paid out, and shall pay all orders drawn on him

by order of the Lodge, signed by the N. G. and attested by the Permanent Secretary, and shall act in conjunction with the Trustees in making loans. He shall have his books and accounts posted up at the end of each term, and shall make a true report in writing of the state of the Treasury at that time, or any other time the Lodge may call upon him. He shall give bond and security for the faithful performance of his duties in a sum not less than double the amount he will probably have in his hands at any one time.

ARTICLE XIV.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1. The Trustees shall have charge of all real estate belonging to the Lodge, and keep the same in good condition. They shall receive from the Lodge, after they are charged with the same, the sum appropriated each term for the Orphans' Fund, and they shall be custodians of all notes, deeds, mortgages and other accounts.

SEC. 2. All requests for loans from the General Fund shall be referred to the Trustees, and they shall, in connection with the Treasurer, loan such funds as may be entrusted to them for that purpose, in sums of not less than $100, and secure the same by mortgage on real estate, worth, aside from improvements, at least double the amount loaned, and at their option may require the borrower to give, as additional security, policies of insurance in reliable companies, properly assigned. In no case shall they make such loan until the party desiring the loan shall furnish an abstract from the county records showing the property to be given as security free of incumbrance, and held by a perfect title.

SEC. 3. They shall be required, before loaning or investing any funds of the Lodge, to conform to

The following amendments to the By-Laws of this Lodge were adopted February 17th, 1891:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIV, SEC. 3.

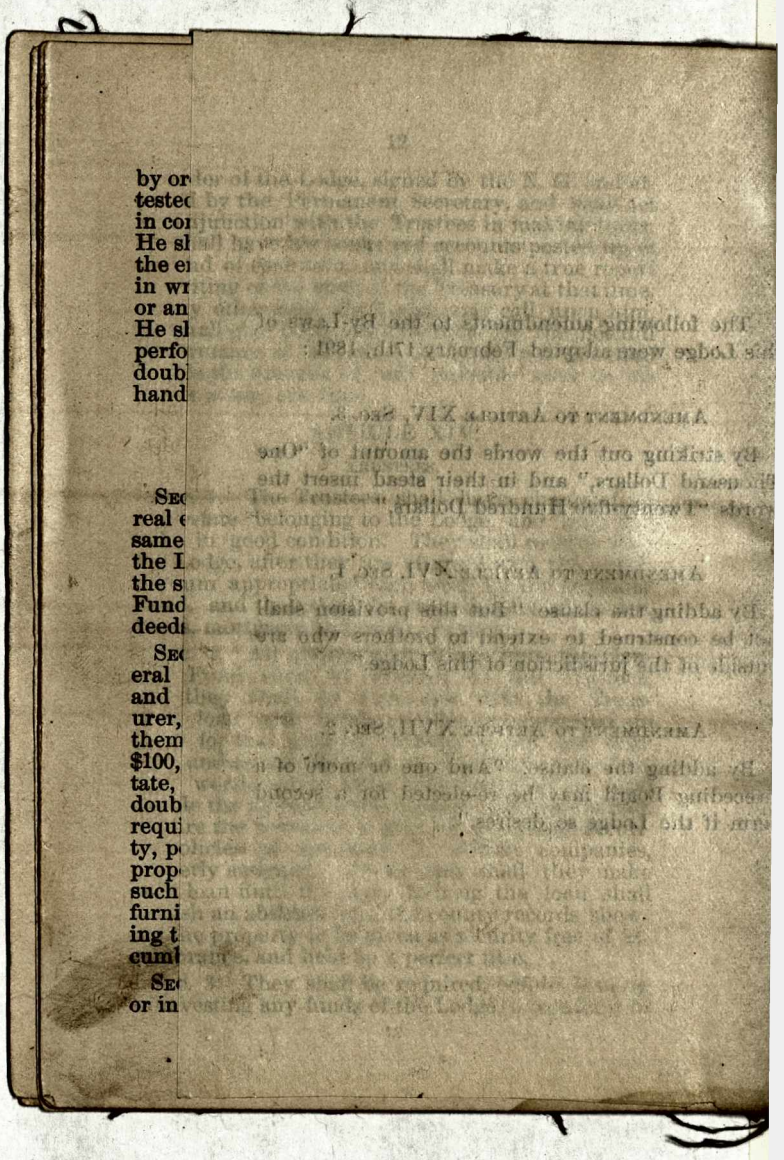
By striking out the words the amount of "One Thousand Dollars," and in their stead insert the words "Twenty-five Hundred Dollars."

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SEC. 1.

By adding the clause "But this provision shall not be construed to extend to brothers who are outside of the jurisdiction of this Lodge."

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SEC. 2.

By adding the clause, "And one or more of a preceding Board may be re-elected for a second term if the Lodge so desires,"



the requirements of Chapter V of the General Laws. They shall render a report in writing of all their transactions at the last regular meeting in June and December of each year, of the loans and investments made by them, for the date of each loan and amount, for what time loaned, rate and amount of interest; which interest shall in all cases be paid to the Treasurer in advance. They shall also perform such other duties as the Lodge may from time to time deem proper and within the sphere of their action They shall give a joint bond for the faithful performance of their duties in the amount of One Thousand Dollars, with at least two responsible securities to be approved by the Lodge.

ARTICLE XV.

LOANING OF LODGE FUNDS.

SEC. 1. None of the funds of the Lodge shall be loaned to any of the members thereof, and no member shall be taken as security for a loan.

ARTICLE XVI.

EMPLOYING NURSES FOR SICK.

SEC. 1. The Relief Committee shall employ a nurse to attend on a sick brother at night, when they shall deem it necessary to do so.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. No elective officer shall hold the same office more than two terms of six months each, until at least one term shall intervene between the time of holding such office.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall be elected annually on the last meeting in December.

ARTICLE XVIII.

HOST.

SEC. I. The Host shall attend to the lights and fires and keep the Lodge rooms in good order, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Lodge.

SEC. 2. He shall receive as compensation for taking care of the hall, the sum of $25 per term of twenty-six weeks. For attending extra meetings each, $1, and for serving verbal or written notices of extra meetings, $2, and for taking care of Regalia, $3 per quarter.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The N. G. shall, on the first meeting of each term, appoint a committee to examine all bills, accounts and other claims presented to the Lodge for payment, and report as to their correctness the same evening they are presented, or as soon thereafter as possible.

ARTICLE XX.

MEMBERS VOTING.

SEC. 1. Every member present must vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge.

ARTICLE XXI.

PROSECUTOR.

It shall be the duty of the N. G. at the commencement of each term to appoint some suitable person to prosecute upon the part of the Lodge all charges which may be brought against Brothers during the term.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. Officers shall be subject to the following fines unles excused by the Lodge:

Absence at Roll Call. { Elective Officers 50 cents. / Appointed " 25 "

Failing to bring or send keys or books . . . $1.00

Failing to memorize charges or parts of ceremonies pertaining to office as prescribed in Art. VIII of By-Laws, for each week . 25

Permanent Secretary or Treasurer. Failing to have his books and accounts posted, to attend committees at times and places requested $1.00

Permanent Secretary. Failing to forward the report of the Lodge and the percentage and all other indebtedness to the Grand Secretary before or immediately after the first meeting of a term, shall be censured by the Lodge and fined not less than . . $1.00

Any Officer, for nonperformance of duties prescribed in the foregoing articles shall be subject to censure, fine or dismissal from office at the option of the Lodge.

The officers whose duty it is to confer the Degrees, failing to attend any meeting for that purpose, if they have had notice of the same, shall be fined not less than twenty-five cents nor more than one dollar.

SEC. 2. Any member of this Lodge who shall be guilty of gross immoral conduct of any kind, of defrauding or attempting to defraud this or any other Lodge of the order; of defrauding a Brother or any other person; of withholding any money, books or property belonging to the Lodge, when properly demanded of him; of drunkenness; of abandoning his wife or family; of any felonious of-

fense against the laws of the land; of any violation of his obligations as an Odd Fellow; shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled, suspended for a definite period, fined or reprimanded as two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge, by ballot vote may determine.

SEC. 3. When any member who shall use profane or indecent language, and is required on motion, by a majority of the members present by open vote, to leave the room, as required in Section 14, Chapter XI, of General Laws, refuses so to do, he shall be charged with contumacy, and on conviction thereof, after due trial, he shall be expelled.

SEC. 4. No motion for other penalties than those prescribed in Chapter XI, of the General Laws, for the several offenses therein named shall be admissible.

SEC. 5. Any member failing to watch with the dead, when notified so to do, though he may not have been notified in the order in which his name appears on the Roll Book—those whose names precede his own having refused—shall be subject to a fine of not less than one dollar.

SEC. 6. Any member knowing any Brother to be sick and failing to give notice thereof to the N. G., or to some one of the Committee of Relief, or to the Lodge at the first regular meeting after he is in possession of the fact, as required in Section 8, Chapter XV, of General Laws, shall be fined $1.

ARTICLE XXIII.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. Any proposition to alter, amend or repeal the foregoing By-Laws, or any portion thereof, must be made in writing, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and shall lie upon the table until the

next regular meeting thereafter before being acted upon, and shall be adopted only by a vote of a majority of the members present.

SEC. 2. No amendment or alteration of these By-Laws which shall in any wise contravene any part of the General Laws or the principles and usages of the Order, shall be entertained.

RULES OF ORDER.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Noble Grand having taken the Chair, the officers and members shall clothe themselves with appropriate regalia, take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence. The Order of Business shall be as follows :

1. Opening the Lodge.
2. Presentation of Cards of Visitors.
3. Roll of Officers called and absentees noted,
4. Reading of the Journal of the previous meeting.
5. Introduction of Visitors, or New Members on Card.
6. Reports of Investigating Committees.
7. Balloting for Membership.
8. Initiation.
9. Propositions for Membership.
10. Reports of Standing Committees, including Committee of Relief and Trustees.
11. Reports of Special Committees.
12. Applications for Degrees or Cards.
13. Does any Brother know of a sick Brother, or Brother in Distress.
14. Communications.
15. Claims against the Lodge.
16. Unfinished Business attended to.
17. Special Orders.
18. New Business.
19. Propositions for the good of the Order.
20. Closing duty.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Noble Grand shall preserve order and pronounce the decision of the Lodge on all subjects; he shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members. The Noble Grand may have precedence in speaking to points of order. No member shall speak but once on such appeal. The question Shall be taken by the Vice Grand as follows : "Shall the decision of the Noble Grand stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

2. If the Noble Grand doubts the result of any vote, or a

division be called for, the Lodge shall divide, those in the affirmative first rising and being counted, and afterward those in the negative.

3. When any member is about to speak or submit a motion or any matter to the Lodge, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Noble Grand, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personality or indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Lodge or its members.

4. The consequences of a measure may be reprobated in strong terms, but to arraign the motive of those who propose or advocate it, is personality and against order.

5. No member shall interrupt another in his speech, unless to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation, or disturb him by standing up, or by passing between him and the Chair, or by leaving the hall.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

7. No member shall speak until he is recognized by the Chair.

8. No member shall speak but once on the same subject or question until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the Lodge.

9. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Chair, take his seat, until the question of order is determined, and permission is given him to proceed.

10. When a resolution is offered, or a report, or other matter presented, the N. G. may take the reception thereof for granted unless objections are made, when he shall require a motion of reception to be regularly made and seconded.

11. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded, and stated by the Chair; and it shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member, when it shall be read aloud by the Secretary before debate.

12. After the question shall have been stated by the Noble Grand, he shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put it, and after he has risen to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

13. While the N. G. is putting a question or addressing the Lodge, silence shall be observed in the Lodge room; no member shall engage in private conversation, or leave the room.

14. After a motion shall have been stated by the Chair, it shall be considered in the possession of the Lodge, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision, by the mover; or,

if an amendment has been offered by the mover, with the consent of the member who offered the amendment.

15. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be in order except:

1. To proceed to close;
2. For the previous question;
3. To lie on the table;
4. To postpone indefinitely;
5. To postpone to a certain time;
6. To divide;
7. To commit;
8. To amend;

Which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged.

16. The Lodge, on motion, by a majority vote, may close before going through the order of business.

17. On the call of five members, a majority of the Lodge may demand the previous question, which shall be in this form: "Shall the previous question be now put?" If ordered, all further amendments shall be precluded, but the amendments that have been previously offered shall be voted upon in their order before the main question.

18. Incidental questions, such as a question of order, motions for the reading of papers, to withdraw a motion, suspension of a rule, etc., are to be decided before the question which gave rise to them; and, if arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion shall be decided without debate.

19. A motion to close, to lie on the table, or for the previous question, or to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate.

20. When a question is postponed at one to another regular meeting, it shall not have precedence over other business, but be taken up in its regular order, as specified in the Order of Business.

21. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on again at that or the next succeeding meeting.

22. Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it. But a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover.

23. Bills, motions and reports may be committed and re-committed at the pleasure of the Lodge.

24. Every amendment to a motion, resolution or other matter, is itself susceptible of amendment, but there can be no amendment of an amendment to an amendment entertained.

25. No motion or proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment.

26. When the reading of a resolution, or other matter, or of any paper relative to a question pending, is called for, no question need to be made as to the reading; it shall be read by the Secretary, as a matter of course. The reading of all other papers, if objected to, must be by leave of the Lodge on a majority vote, upon a motion made for that purpose.

27. No motion for reconsideration shall be received, unless moved by a member who voted in the majority in the first instance.

28. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia suitable to his rank and station in the Lodge.

29. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title.

30. The N. G. may have a casting vote on all questions on which the Lodge may be equally divided, except in cases of elections, or determining a penalty; *provided* he shall not have previously voted on the question.

31. In the absence of any regular officer, the N. G. shall appoint some qualified Brother to take the vacant chair except the R. and L. Supporters of the V. G., who shall appoint to said offices, and the Brother so appointed shall wear the regalia of the office he is called to fill.

32. It shall be deemed a breach of order not to have the chair of every officer occupied, if there are a sufficient number of qualified members present, and the occupant be not clothed with the regalia appropriate thereto, at any and every regular meeting of the Lodge.

APPENDIX.

Regulations in Relation to Visiting Brothers, as Prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Extract from the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE 17. No Brother can be admitted to visit, or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District, or Territory, where he resides, unless he presents a card or certificate under the signature of the officers and seal of the Lodge of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name, in his own proper hand-writing, and prove himself in the Traveling P. W., and in the Degree in which the Lodge is opened; *Provided, nevertheless*, a Brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

Regulation Relative to the use of A. T. P. W..

The A. T. P. W. is designed only for use of brethren who are traveling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, and in order that each Brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to confer or receive it. The G. Master of a State, and his regular Deputy, should, of course, also be in possession of it.—*See Pro. G. L. U. S., 1844, p. 60.*

Form Prescribed for the Examination of Visitors.

When a visiting Brother presents himself at the door of a Lodge, it is his duty to hand his card to the Guardian, that it may be placed in possession of the Lodge. If satisfied of its authenticity, the presiding officer will appoint a committee of three members, all of whom must have received the Scarlet Degree, to proceed to the ante-room and examine the visiting Brother. One member of this committee must be the N. G. himself, or his Vice, or the sitting P. G., or some other Brother, known to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., whose especial duty it shall be, *first*, to require the visitor to write his

name, and thus prove the identity of the hand-writing, by a comparison with the name as written, and as it appears in the margin of the card; *secondly*, to obtain the said A. T. P. W. privately from the visitor, and the visitor must commence by letters. The committee will then proceed to examine the visitor in the Degrees in which the Lodge is open, and in case of doubt may extend their examination to other degrees. If the committee are satisfied with the result of the examination, they will introduce the visitor into the Lodge without further ceremony.—*Digest, p. 38.*

It is the right of a Lodge to examine a visiting Brother every night he may present himself for admission, and he must be introduced by the examining committee, but it is not *imperative* to re-examine, or formally introduce the same visitor, on each subsequent visit.—Pro. G. L. U. S., pp. 2923, 2963.

FORM OF PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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To the Officers and Members of
Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F.:

GENTLEMEN: Having conceived a favorable opinion of Odd Fellowship, I am desirous of becoming a member of your benevolent Order, and ask to be admitted into your Lodge. My residence is in....., my age is..... years, and my occupation that of a..... If admitted, I promise obedience to the laws and usages of the Order, and of the Lodge. The proposition fee accompanies this. Yours respectfully,

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Proposed and recommended by .....

Refers to.....
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FORM OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of
Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F.

Your committee, to whom was referred the application of ....., for membership in this Lodge, by....., respectfully report that, upon careful investigation into the character and fitness of the applicant, we find him....., and recommend that he be ..... accordingly.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

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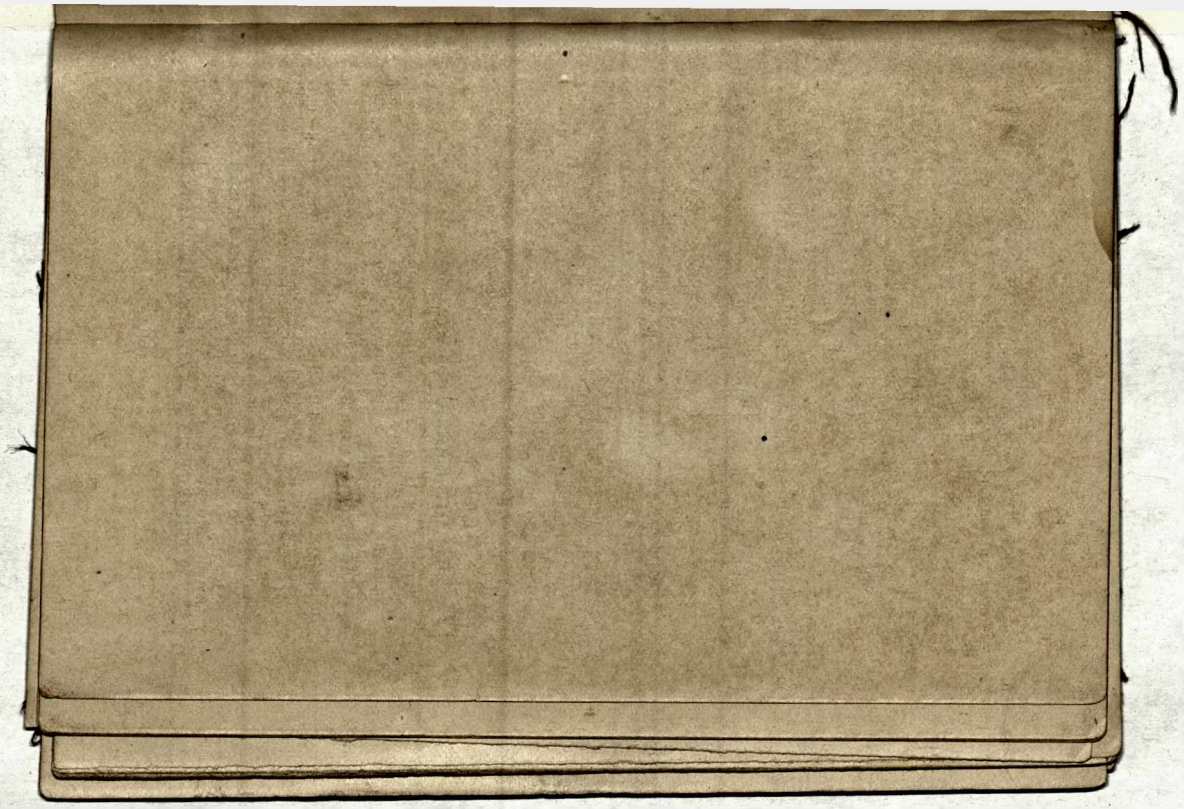
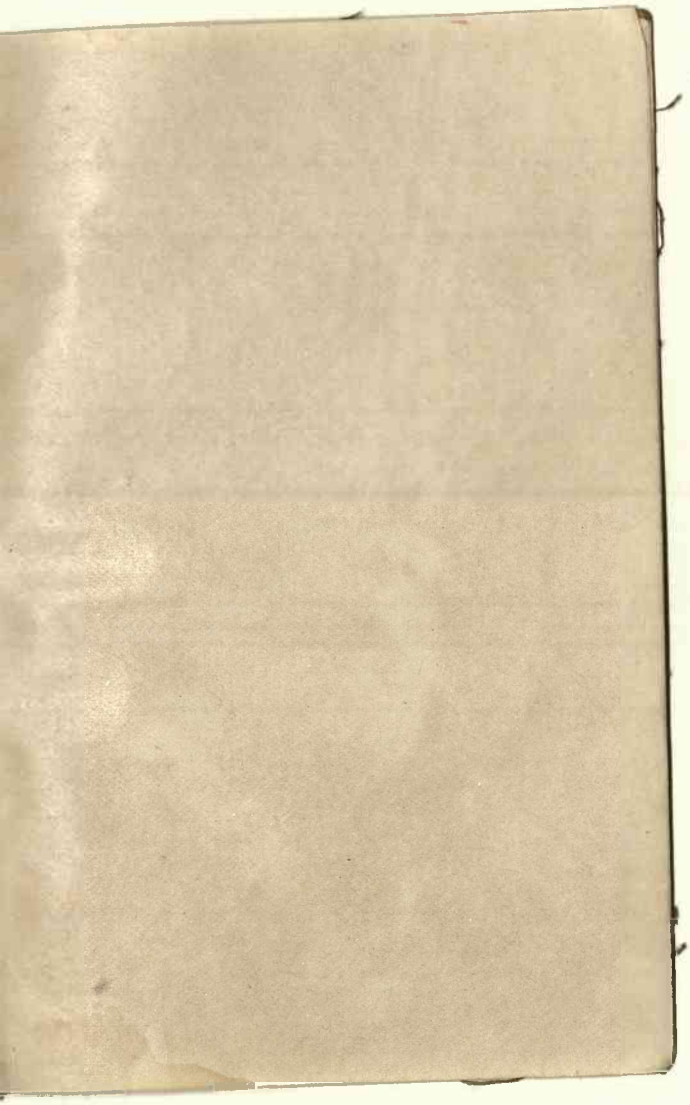
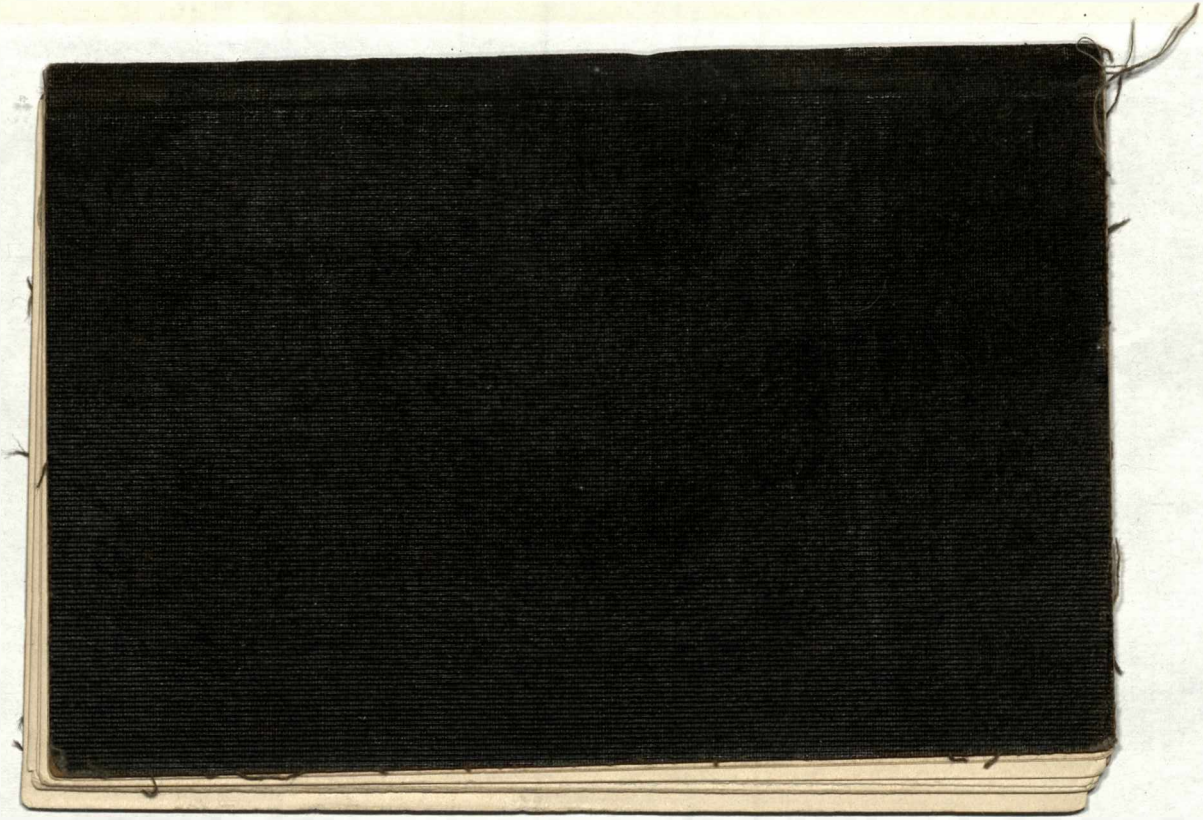
..... *Committee.*

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